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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know whether the scheme is likely to be taken up?"

Expenditure on account of the Cocanada Conspiracy Case.

* 539 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred by the Government in the prosecution of the Cocanada Conspiracy Case;

(*b*) the pay and expenses of the presiding judicial officer, clerks, etc., and the length of time taken for the trial of the case;

(*c*) the fees paid to the counsel;

(*d*) the other incidental expenses; and

(*e*) the further expenditure incurred by way of fees of counsel, etc., in the High Court?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The pay of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, East Godavari, who tried the Cocanada Conspiracy case was Rs. 2,250 inclusive of a judicial pay of Rs. 150 a month, during the period the case was heard by him.

The pay of the establishment sanctioned temporarily for the purpose of the case was as follows:—

(1) One translator ... Rs. 70 a month.

(2) One clerk ... ... Rs. 30 a month in addition to special pay for shorthand.

(3) Three peons on Rs. 12 each a month.

The Government have no information regarding the expenses apart from pay referred to by the hon. Member.

The case was heard from the 5th February 1934 up to the 21st April 1934.

(*c*) The fees sanctioned to the senior counsel were as follows:—

(1) Rs. 11,700 for conducting the prosecution in the preliminary enquiry.

(2) Rs. 19,600 for conducting the prosecution in the Sessions Court including a retainer of Rs. 1,000.

(3) Rs. 2,500 for opposing the appeals in the High Court.

As regards the junior counsel who was engaged to assist the senior counsel during the preliminary enquiry and in the Sessions Court, the District Magistrate, East Godavari, was authorized to sanction a fee not exceeding Rs. 50 a day for days on which the case was heard in Cocanada and Rs. 35 a day for days on which it was heard in Rajahmundry.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information beyond what is contained in the answers to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of the question.